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TAGS: BENC, VE  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: VENELUM BIDDING PROCEDURES

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH MR. EDWIN PANINSKY, CHIEF OF  
PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS FOR VENALUM, MR. PANINSKY  
DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A LAWYER WITH EXPERTISE IN  
DECISION 24, WHOSE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION WAS TO  
INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH VENEZUELAN LAW ON BIDDING  
AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. MR. PANINSKY STATED  
THAT FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE VENALUM PURCHASES IT  
WOULD BE BEST TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM  
USDOC TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH:

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2. MR. PANINSKY SHOWED REPORTING OFFICER COMPLETE  
BID PACKAGES AS RECEIVED FROM CHARLOTTE AND  
STATED THAT THINGS WERE HAPPENING UP THERE SO  
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FAST THAT CHARLOTTE COULDN'T KEEP THE CARACAS

OFFICES INFORMED. SEE SEPTTEL FOR FULL OFFICE ADDRESSES.

3. MR. PANINSKY ASSURED REPORTING OFFICER THAT U.S. FIRMS SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO CHARLOTTE "WHERE THEY HAVE THE STAFF TO HANDLE IT" WITH INQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC SUBPROJECTS OF VENALUM PLANT. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT PANINSKY'S CARACAS OFFICE STILL MAKES FINAL DECISIONS AND THAT ALL FINAL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CARACAS OFFICE TO BE OPENED AND INDEPENDENTLY REVIEWED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH VENEZUELAN LAW. THERE IS ALSO FURTHER REVIEW OF ALL BIDS BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VENEZUELAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS AND FROM VENALUM'S PARENT ORGANIZATION, CVG.  
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